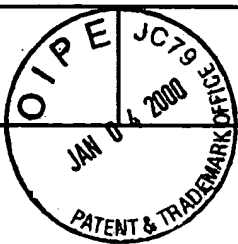

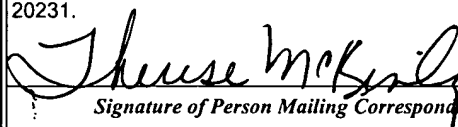
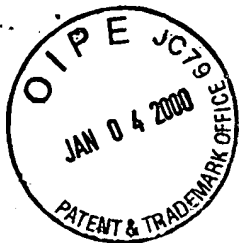


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 1009.004CIP	
Applicant(s): Mark A. Allen					
Serial No. 09/339,616	Filing Date 06/24/99			Examiner Tuyet Vo	Group Art Unit 2821
Invention: Preferred Embodiment To LED Light String					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action (Paper No. 2), mailed September 30, 1999, in respect to the above-identified patent application. This response is being filed within the 3-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. No extension fees are due in connection with this response. An Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently herewith. A statement pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e) (2) accompanies the IDS, thus no fee is due.

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